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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, the undersigned inventor, JOHN-PAUL F. CHERRY, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. Attached are pages 1-4 of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/120,894 (Exhibit A), filed prior to March 21, 2000. All masked dates in Exhibit A are prior to March 21, 2000. Information not relevant to the invention date of the present application is also masked.
- 2. Exhibit A describes apparatuses and processes for cleaning the interior of a microwave oven. The apparatuses and processes were conceived and reduced to practice prior to March 21, 2000.
- 3. In view of Exhibit A, the invention of pending claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-19 and 21-62 was conceived prior to March 21, 2000, and filed with due diligence from prior to March 21, 2000, to filing of the present application on November 4, 2003, which is a continuation of United States Patent 6,656,288, filed August 7,

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2001, which claims benefit of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/225,709, filed August 16, 2000.

- 4. I, JOHN-PAUL F. CHERRY, assembled apparatuses and performed cleaning processes, as described in Exhibit A, prior to March 21, 2000. In view of Exhibit A and my statement, the invention of pending claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-19 and 21-62 was reduced to practice prior to March 21, 2000.
- 5. The undersigned, JOHN-PAUL F. CHERRY, hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that these statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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